Increase in number of newspapers

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of daily newspapers had risen during the last few years;

(b) if so, the number of daily newspapers which have been published during the years 1995-96 and 2000-2001; and

(c) the names of 30 top daily newspapers which are in largest circulation alongwith the number of copies?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The number of daily newspapers registered with the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) during the calender years 1995, 1996 and 2000 were 4236, 4453 and 5364, respectively. The names of 30 top daily newspapers with the largest circulation, alongwith their circulation figures, as per the Annual Statements submitted by the publishers to RNI, are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of 30 top daily newspapers with the largest circulation alongwith their circulation figures, as per the annual statements submitted by the newspapers to the registrar of newspapers for India (RNI), during the calender year, 2000.

S. No.	Title	Place of Publication	Language	Circulation
1.	Hindustan Times	Delhi	English	847346
2.	The Hindu	Chennai	English	779851
3.	Ananda Bazar Patrika	Calcutta	Bengali	754348
4.	Times of India	Delhi	English	638305
5.	The Times of India	Mumbai	English	567707

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Sl. No.	Title	Place of Publication	Language	Circulation
6.	Bartman	Calcutta	Bengali	455675
7.	Gujarat Samachar	Ahmedabad	Gujarati	373854
8.	Sandhya Dainik Mangal Bhoomi Prakashan	Kashipur	Hindi	351557
9.	Punjab Kesari	Delhi	Hindi	342074
10.	Malayala Manorama	Kottayam	Malayalam	335723
11.	Punjab Kesri	Jallandhar	Hindi	323085
12.	Navbharat Times	Delhi	Hindi	320971
13.	Sakal	Pune	Marathi	310843
14.	Navakal	Mumbai	Marathi	303085
15.	Sandesh	Ahmedabad	Gujarati	271022
16.	Loksatta	Mumbai	Marathi	270618
17.	Hindustan	Patna	Hindi	269228
18.	Sambad Pratidin	Calcutta	Bengali	265165
19.	Prajavani	Bangalore	Kannada	259396
20.	The Telegraph	Calcutta	English	237760
21.	Aaj	Varanasi	Hindi	236875
22.	Times of India	Bangalore	English	234381
23.	Rajasthan Patrika	Jaipur	Hindi	223325
24.	The Tribune	Chandigarh	English	219715
25.	Gujarat Vaibhav	Ahmedabad	Hindi	216438
26.	Dainik Jagran	Delhi	Hindi	206035
27.	Aaj (The)	Kanpur	Hindi	198972
28.	Dainik Lokmat	Thane	Marathi	197179
29.	Ajit	Jallandhar	Punjabi	195646
30.	The Daily Jagran	Kanpur	Hindi	191408